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Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

AETC command chief visits Team Luke

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The command chief master sergeant for AETC visited Team Luke June 13 to 15 for the first time since assuming the position in February.

Chief Master Sgt. Bill Milligan said he wanted to visit Luke because the 56th Fighter Wing mission offers many diverse challenges for enlisted people.

While here, the chief visited the communications, civil engineer and the 21st Fighter Squadrons, as well as the base honor guard, range management center and the first term airman center.

“Luke’s massive size amazes me,” he said. “When you consider Luke is a fighter wing with operations and training missions, the diversity is overwhelming. Obviously it takes a large number of people to do that.”

Milligan said it all begins in AETC. “Being the ‘First Command’, if we don’t do our job properly, then the rest of the Air Force suffers,” Milligan said. “I want people at Luke to know we’re committed to getting them whatever it takes to ensure they’re able and capable of supporting the training mission and meeting Air Force requirements.”

Milligan said the command’s mis-

sion to sustain the force never changes. It is the same in peacetime as it is in wartime.

To accomplish this mission, retaining people in the Air Force is important. Milligan said the 50 percent retirement fix and the Expeditionary Aerospace Force have impacted retention.

“For the first two months of this year, our retention (rate) went from 48 to 53 percent for our second-term (airmen), but we need to look at these numbers with caution to make sure this is really a trend,” Milligan said.

The chief said nowadays he rarely hears deployments being given as a reason why people separate from the Air Force.

“In the past I think deployments had a big impact on people leaving,” Milligan said. “Deployments and the AEFs (aerospace expeditionary forces) are the United States Air Force today. Obviously, some people won’t fit in; they’ll never accept leaving their families. But, I do believe from the numbers I’ve seen, deployments and AEFs — the teams under the Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept — have greatly reduced the negative impact of deployments on retention.”

Milligan said he believes money pumped into programs vs. the military members’ pockets is one way to com-



Senior Airman Elizabeth Krichbaum

Chief Master Sgt. William Milligan, AETC command chief master sergeant, gets a closeup look at how F-16s are launched by Senior Airman Jeremy Kaufman, 21st Fighter Squadron crew chief.

bat retention issues.

“We need to spend money, but we need to spend it in on quality-of-life issues,” he said. “We need to spend it in areas that bring the family into the decision-making process.

“Spouses have a big impact on what

we decide to do from a family standpoint, especially if you have children,” Milligan added.

He said about 70 percent of the Air Force is married today, and focusing on quality-of-life programs such as

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AF declares family day

By 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Carney

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

July 3 is a family day for the Air Force, declared Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan in a message to the force Monday.

“In recognition of the high optempo (operations tempo) by Air Force people around the world, we will observe a family day July 3,” Ryan said. “The intent of this action is to give our people personal time away from their duty stations to spend with their family and friends.”

The Air Force will go to minimum manning at all locations, meaning all military nonessential people get the day off. All civilian employees are encouraged to take liberal leave during this time. For those who have to work July 3, an alternative family day will be arranged.

“Our total force team has done a magnificent job of meeting a variety of taskings throughout the past year,” Ryan said. “You have much to be proud of as we celebrate the independence of our nation.

“Freedom is not free — it is made possible by the sacrifices of those who have served and continue to serve the United States of America. You have earned the gratitude and respect of your fellow Americans,” Ryan said.

Many Air Force people will take leave to supplement this extended weekend. Before they go, they should review Luke’s leave policy.

“The current leave policy states that everyone must begin and end their leave in the local area,” said Lt. Col. Paul Price, 56th Mission Support Squadron commander. “This means airmen may not begin traveling toward their destination on a

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Team Luke responds to latest F-16 aircraft mishap June 16

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

About 30 Team Luke people were still at the site Tuesday where an F-16 from the 309th Fighter Squadron crashed at about 7:45 a.m. June 16 about 14 miles southwest of Sells, Ariz. near the Mexican border.

As of Tuesday, the team had plotted the scattered remains of the F-16C single-engine jet and removed the larger portions of the jet for the safety investigation board.

The student pilot, 1st Lt. Doyle Pompa, ejected safely and was transported by a U.S. Customs Service helicopter to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base for medical evaluation and treatment. Pompa was not injured and was released in excellent condition.

At the time of the incident, Pompa was No. 2 in a flight of three F-16s participating in an air-to-air combat training mission in the Sells military operations area east of the Barry M. Goldwater Range. The accident site is located on a remote section of the desert on the Tohono O’odahm reservation.

The base sent an initial response element of about 40 people and 15 vehicles to the accident scene June 16 to secure the site and contain any possible hazardous materials, said Col. Robert Worley, 56th Support Group commander and the commander in charge of the accident scene.

“Once we knew the pilot was safe, our initial concern was ensuring the accident site was safe and secure,” Worley said. “Additionally, we were concerned with finding the best route to the remote location that

would cause the least damage to the environment.”

F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to the 56th Fighter Wing resumed normal training operations Monday, ending a brief stand down from flying since the accident. Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, ordered the safety stand down shortly after the accident.

In addition to F-16s at Luke, jets from the 56th FW deployed to Cold Lake, Canada; Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.; and Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. temporarily ceased training operations to allow investigators to take an initial look at what may have happened and permit

pilots to review emergency procedures.

“When we have a mishap, my inclination is to stand down the wing until we can get a preliminary look to see what may have caused it,” Sargeant said.

“In our initial review, we haven’t found anything which would indicate we have a fleetwide problem,” Sargeant said. “We have reviewed our critical action procedures and now we will go back to work training F-16 pilots and

crew chiefs while the safety investigation board continues to look for the cause of this crash.”

Col. Lee Wilper, Air National Guard advisor to the 19th Air Force commander at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, is here leading the team charged with reviewing all the evidence to determine the cause.

Luke, the Air Force’s only active-duty training base for F-16 pilots, has more than 200 F-16s assigned and flies about 160 training missions each day.

The date to begin the recovery phase of the accident, where a team picks up the aircraft debris, is still being coordinated.

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Col. Steve Sargeant
56th Fighter Wing commander

Action Line



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56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.

Before you call the Action Line though, give Luke's professional experts a chance to answer your question

in concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate official is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at 856-7011 or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke a better place to live and work.

Who to call:	
Fraud, waste and abuse hotline	856-6149
Base exchange	935-4652
Commissary	935-3821
Patient advocate	856-9100
Legal assistance	856-6901
Law enforcement desk	856-5970
Housing office	856-7643
Military pay	856-7028
MPF customer service	856-7874
Civil engineer customer service	856-7231

Speeding in housing

Comment: My husband and I have a complaint about traffic in base housing. We live in Ocotillo Manor next to one of the playgrounds and have seen children come too close to being hit. Cars come speeding down our street daily. My neighbors and I have called security forces, but the problem continues. They claim they can't keep a patrol over here. Perhaps speed bumps could be installed to prevent a tragedy.

Response: Thank you for highlighting this issue. I share your concern for the safety of all members who live in base housing. I recently asked the 56th Security Forces Squadron to increase selective traffic enforcement, including the use of the traffic speed monitor, throughout the base. We all have a responsibility to drive safely and we must take that responsibility seriously. If you observe someone driving recklessly, please call the 56th SFS law enforcement desk at 856-5970.



e-mail:
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or call,
856-7011

Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2000 programmed flight training		
	To date	Goal
Sorties flown	26,809	37,902
Flying hours	35,505	49,803
Pilot graduates	586	876
MRT graduates	537	972

Luke people deployed:
AEF 5/6: **2** and AEF 7/8: **86**
Others: **77**

Proper 'netiquette'
Use e-mail appropriately

By Maj. Pamela S. Donovan
56th Transportation Squadron commander

E-mail has become a necessary means of communication. In the workplace, it serves a definite purpose; it allows us to conduct business quickly and professionally. Yet, e-mail "overload" is on the rise. Some e-mail wastes time and focuses attention away from our daily jobs.

The key to effective workplace communication is to know some do's and don'ts of online correspondence. This is referred to as "netiquette." The following guidelines will not only reduce e-mail overload, but will also help simplify your online message:

- Stick to the same standards of behavior online as you follow in life. Remember, we're in the Air Force. Official business e-mail isn't the place for casual correspondence. If you would have sent out a memo in the days before e-mail, then type one in the text. Always use sir and ma'am when appropriate. Also, don't task your boss, but you may want to let him or her know if the information is time sensitive.

- Respect other's time. Mail groups are great because they let us send messages to many people with one push of the button. But, think before you click! Does everyone really need the information? If not, don't waste their time.

- Put the bottom line up front. You've heard of this rule in written correspondence and e-mail is no different. If you are using your time effectively, you only read e-mail two or three times a day. Your important message might not get read for several hours or even the next day.

Additionally, some of us receive a lot of e-mail with only limited time to take care of business. If your message is important, put the bottom line up-front and use the

subject line. Add "Hot" or the suspense date to the subject line if you want to grab someone's attention. When forwarding e-mail from other sources, take the time to edit or delete everything that's not pertinent. Don't make someone scroll through 10 other addressees and unimportant comments to get to the bottom line.

- Be brief and concise. The basic rules of writing apply to e-mail too. Briefly explain yourself so readers know what you want. The text of the e-mail should also include the bottom line or suspense.

- Use attachments with a purpose. Never attach a document without an explanation. If you don't have time to tell the reader what's in the attachment and why it's important, then the reader probably doesn't have time to waste a keystroke to open it.

- Be clear about changes. Don't resend new information with the same subject line. The reader may delete without reading it thinking it's a duplicate e-mail. Indicate the change in the subject line to alert the reader.

- Make yourself look good. Spelling and grammar do count. Reread your message before you send it, pay attention to content and always be polite. Know your facts — bad information spreads like wildfire. Also, does your reader know what type of response you need?

- Sign your e-mail. An e-mail address doesn't tell the reader very much about who you are or where you work. Always end your message with your name, rank, office symbol and most importantly, your telephone number just in case they need to call you for clarification.

- Don't use e-mail to replace human interaction. Sometimes conversation is the only way to go.

- Finally, workplace e-mail is for official business only. Save the jokes and anecdotes for e-mail at home.

Take time out for yourself

By Lt. Col. Steve Doss
607th Air Control Squadron commander

In these times of constant motion, new challenges and opportunities to excel, we tend not to take the time to review what has transpired and how the mission was accomplished. With Father's Day just past, I decided to step back and take a long look at the past year.

The summer of 1999, I had the good fortune to participate in one of the most extensive joint and allied air campaigns the U.S. Air Force was involved in — Operation Allied Force.

The first thing that became evident after arriving in country, was how airmen quickly grasped the situation and reacted decisively and aggressively. They were mentally prepared for the rigors of war.

The Air Force offers many training programs to prepare our people for leadership roles. Every day our combat units train hard for the moment when they may be called to protect U.S. national security. Allied Force proved the Air Force has the best NCOs and officers.

But, in our zeal to become even better, sometimes a part of our training is overlooked — our private life. We should ask every now and then, "Have I taken care of me lately?"

My son wrote this following poem and sent it to me as a Father's Day gift while I was deployed:

*"When my father is gone,
I dream and dream
To see him once more.
But everyday when I am in the sun,*

*I feel like his love is shining on me.
So now I don't have to dream,
'Cause I know he will always be
with me."*

Not only was this poem the most beautiful gift I've ever received, but it forced me to take a moment to contemplate my life.

I remembered the times I was deployed in support of some contingency — missing birthdays, anniversaries and soccer games. I started to feel guilty and then I thought about the Kosovo people being persecuted, tortured and killed who would never see their children again.

My heart answered my questions. I'm in the Air Force because it's a special calling and a life no civilian job can ever match. The hardships my family and I have overcome, helped our family grow stronger. But what about when we're not deployed? Are we taking time to ensure our family receives proper attention?

The Air Force does a tremendous job training its airmen to be outstanding leaders. I have been very fortunate in my 21 years in the Air Force. Every supervisor I have had went out of their way to teach me what they had learned from others as well as from their own experiences and mistakes. That knowledge has been invaluable to me as an airman, officer and individual.

I read my son's poem again and reflected on how I was executing my leadership responsibilities. Having laid out a roadmap for the unit, upon my return I reviewed all the unit had accomplished and was amazed at their tremendous progress. The term

"afterburner" was the first word to come to mind. I could not have been more proud of the 607th ACS people.

Then I analyzed how they produced so much in such a short time. It became painfully obvious when I looked at their use or lose leave.

In their desire to ensure the unit was staying ahead, they were working long hours, long weeks and putting off leave to accomplish the near impossible, and they never complained. Their pride in accomplishing the mission made them do whatever was necessary. The 607th ACS has the best the Air Force has to offer and we often mask a key trait of supervision and leadership by our desire to keep pushing forward. That key trait is compassion.

As supervisors and leaders, we must ensure our most valuable resource, the airman, is maintained at peak performance. Supervisors must be intimately involved with their troops — education, leave and family health. Today's environment requires airmen to do more and more with limited tools and resources.

Our airmen are resilient, ingenious and dedicated professionals. They push the envelope on a daily basis to accomplish the mission. Supervisors and leaders must ensure they don't reach "burn out." Supervisors must go the extra mile to take care of their troops; the Air Force cannot afford to lose a single airman.

I challenge every supervisor and leader to step back and take stock of their people and ensure they are doing everything possible to keep the Air Force family alive and prospering.

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425th FS wins Turkey Shoot

By Kristen M. Butler
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 425th Fighter Squadron out-performed Luke's seven other fighter squadrons to win the top overall squadron award in the spring Turkey Shoot competition.

The competition promotes camaraderie among each of the flying squadrons in the areas of operations, tactics and maintenance, said Capt. Matt Roberson, 56th Fighter Wing weapons and tactics chief.

Maintenance shops are inspected, load crews are tested and pilots deliver munitions during the two-month long contest. Individual and group awards are given in each of these areas.

"The purpose of the Turkey Shoot is to hone basic fighter aviation skills and to engender esprit de corp across the wing," Roberson said. "The competition was very successful. We saw good scores and were able to identify some trends. The wing will take this knowledge and learn from it, further enhancing our instructor pilots' skills."

Each squadron entered four fourships, or 16 different pilots, in the bombing competition with the exception of the 425th FS. They could only enter two fourships because of scheduling difficulties and having fewer jets assigned to their squadron.

At the range, pilots test bombing proficiency and are rated on their ability to drop bombs on time and on target.

Maintainers and load crews also compete for top honors. Maintenance inspectors perform walk-around inspection of jets, toolboxes and technical data and evaluate launch procedures.

In addition, the 425th FS also took top maintenance



Tech. Sgt. Brandt Smith

425th Fighter Squadron members, Capt. John Olsen, instructor pilot, and 1st Sgt. Munkit Chiang, crew chief, work as a team Wednesday to accomplish Luke's flying mission. The squadron attributes their recent Turkey Shoot success to that teamwork.

squadron honors. This is the second consecutive time they captured this award.

"The judges were looking to see if everything was in order," said Maj. Michael Szeto, 425th FS senior maintenance officer. "They were judging us on everything

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Pay table reform

Many receive July 1 increase

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Most service members will see a pay raise in July as a result of the final leg of the compensation triad passed by Congress in 1999.

Pay table reform goes into effect in July with about 75 percent of service members receiving raises of one-half percent to 5.5 percent, said Navy Capt. Elliott Bloxom, director of Department of Defense compensation. The other two legs of the triad DOD pushed in 1999 were the overall 4.8-percent raise in January and retirement reform.

The July increase is in addition to the January raise.

"This is a permanent adjustment or correction to the pay table to reward performance over longevity," Bloxom said. "This restores some of the balance the pay table has lost over the last 50 years."

He said the reform has two other

effects: every promotion will be worth more in terms of absolute dollars, and the table still provides meaningful longevity raises.

The percentage hike in July varies depending on where and how much the pay table was out of adjustment, Bloxom said. Members will see changes if the table was out of whack or none if the table was about right — E-2 rates, for instance, don't change, he said.

"The E-2 pay raise has historically been more than the E-3 or E-4 pay raise in terms of dollar values," Bloxom said. "We put a lot of money into the E-3 and E-4, such that, with that promotion it brings more than the E-2."

Regardless, all service members will benefit from the reform as they continue to serve and are promoted.

"That's why I call it an adjustment," Bloxom said. "People will still get this raise one, two, three or four years from now."

The officer pay table receives a bigger boost than the enlisted because,

Bloxom said, it was more out of whack.

"We only get the officer pay table back to about 53 percent of a person's increases in pay due to promotion and 47 percent due to longevity," he said.

However, he said, overall more money went into the enlisted pay table.

"Over time enlisted people will receive more successive pay raises as a result of pay table reform," he said.

He said the 9th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation is under way and the panel is looking at the enlisted pay table. He said Congress is also looking at pinpointed raises for mid-level NCOs.

"The 9th QRMC is looking at enlisted pay issues across the board from entry pay through the balance that's struck between senior level NCO pay vs. officer pay — levels of responsibility, degrees of education," Bloxom said.

He said he hopes when the panel finishes, DOD sees concrete recommendations for what to do with enlisted pay.

Luke's Finest

Each month the Luke's Chiefs Group chooses an airman who goes above and beyond the call of duty as Luke's Finest.

Name: Airman 1st Class Keri Huffman, 56th Component Repair Squadron jet engine journeyman

Family: My parents who have been married 27 years, two older brothers and my nephew, Tyler

Hometown: Marshalls Creek, Penn.

Inspirations: My mother: I admire her patience and understanding.

Book at bedside: Believe it or not, the "Promotion Fitness Examination" and "Rain" by V.C. Andrews

Greatest feat: Jumping out of a perfectly good airplane

Self-description: Focused, outgoing and always ready to take on a new challenge

Famous last words: "Don't sweat me!" DSM!

Favorite television program: "The Real World" and "Friends"

Bad habits: Sometimes I take on more than I can handle.

Car in garage: A Mazda MX-6



Huffman

News Briefs

Civilian employee insurance visit

A Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance representative will visit Luke Monday from 10 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 1150, Room 1163. The representative will provide information on services, referrals, pharmacy benefits and answers questions. For more information, call Sandra Jernigan at 856-7761.

Technology expo

A free information technology expo will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the enlisted club. The event will feature computing and communications technology. For more information or for a list of exhibitors on display, visit www.fedpage.com/events.

House-buying seminar

The housing flight will sponsor a free house-buying seminar Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1046. For reservations, call Irene Bateman at 856-3008.

56th SFS closures

Pass and registration in Bldg. 1150 and the visitor reception center at the main gate will close June 30 at 1 p.m. for a squadron function. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Nicole Schaade at 856-6521.

Self-help closure

The self-help store will not be open the first Saturday of July due to the holiday weekend, but will instead be open July 8.

56th SFS change of command

Lt. Col. Allen Jamerson will relinquish command of the 56th Security Forces Squadron to Maj. Tracey Meck in a ceremony July 5 at 9 a.m. in Hangar 485.

56th LSS change of command

Lt. Col. Nancy Stinson will relinquish command of the 56th Logistics Support Squadron to Maj. Gene Trizinsky in a ceremony July 5 at 10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 485. A reception follows.

Legal office closure

The legal office will close July 6 at 11 a.m. for an official function. For emergencies, call (602)751-4363.

56th CPTS change of command

Lt. Col. Robert Smith will relinquish command of the 56th Comptrollers Squadron to Lt. Col. Michael Shaw in a ceremony July 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Bldg. 1150 third-floor atrium.

CCAF graduation applications

Students wanting to apply for Community College of the Air Force graduation should schedule a review with an education counselor to ensure all requirements have been met. Official transcripts from all schools attended are required and must be received by Aug. 14. For more information, call Catherine Humphrey or Jackie Smith at 856-7722.

Supply NCO professional course

Master, technical or technical sergeants selects with Air Force Specialty Code 2S0X1 may apply for the Wholesale Logistics Supply NCO Program, a professional development course. For more information, call the Luke or AETC supply enlisted manager.

Enlisted heritage chief needed

The Enlisted Heritage Research Institute, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., needs volunteers for the commandant, director position to report by Oct. 31. For more information, call DSN 596-1470.

Tallyho correction

Natasha Gross was incorrectly identified in the June 16 issue of the "Tallyho." She is the VolunTeen working at the pediatrics clinic.

Justice Report

The following judicial action occurred at Luke between June 12 and 16:

♦ A senior airman received an Article 15 for failing to pay off the balance of his government-sponsored credit card. He also received suspended forfeiture of \$200 pay for two months and suspended 15 days extra duty.

Luke Commissary offers 'Best Value'



Senior Airman Elizabeth Krichbaum

Cinnamon Olson comparison shops at the Luke Commissary Monday. Beginning in July, the commissary will label 50 name-brand products as "Best Values." This designation means an item has the best price for a given size and is also offered at a lower rate than at local stores.

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Luke Air Force Base Commissary identifies the lowest price on 50 popular name-brand products in the most frequently purchased sizes beginning July 1.

The Best Value Item program, developed by the Defense Commissary Agency, makes shopping easier by pointing out lower-priced alternatives.

"We're going to go to the local markets to check prices on name-brand items to make sure we have the lower price," said Roy Mitson, store director.

"Best Value Item" signs are placed with the products for easy reference.

Mitson explained they will continually check local supermarket prices and if any of the items fall below Luke Commissary prices, they will be taken off the Best Value program until the price returns to normal.

"But that should be a rare situation," Mitson said. "If a customer comes to the store to buy a 30-count box of garbage bags, and is mainly concerned with getting top quality at the lowest price, the shopper can simply look for the Best Value sign," said Gary Duell, DeCA Marketing Business Unit manager. "That price will be lower than the exact size on that sold by any other brand carried in the commissary or in any other local grocery store."

"We're working hard to help our shoppers save money," Duell said. "We already average 27-percent savings overall, but we want even more savings for our customers."

56th Supply NCO earns local citizenship award

By 1st Lt. Miki Kristina Krejcarek

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Luke staff sergeant earned the Tempe Citizen Award June 14 presented by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee for her job performance, leadership and community involvement.

Staff Sgt. Ellen Carver, 56th Supply Squadron weapons support manager, received the award, recognizing active-duty, reserve and Guard enlisted and officers in the greater Phoenix community.

"We want to recognize the outstanding job our military members do. This is our way of taking time to say 'thank you' for the outstanding jobs they do in the community," said Al Shipley, MAC chairman.



Carver

Responsible for ensuring repair parts are received and available for 200 plus F-16s, Carver was named Luke Chiefs Group as "Luke's Finest" for her job performance and community involvement.

"Staff Sergeant Carver has devoted countless hours of off-duty time to assist schools and orphanages," said Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Palas, 56th Logistics Group superintendent. "She led the squadron adopt-a-highway program and a drive that collected \$950 for books for Luke Elementary School."

Community involvement and fostering a relationship between the Air Force and community is important, Carver said.

"It builds a sense of unity," she said. "In addition, it shows the community we not only support our country, but we also care about their goals and direction."

Carver's accomplishments include 1999 56th Fighter Wing Woman of the Year, 1999 AETC Outstanding Junior Supply Technician and Luke Airman Leadership School's distinguished graduate and academic excellence awards.

"It's a wonderful thing when you're rewarded for doing a job you love," Carver said. "I completely enjoy serving in the Air Force and I take great pride in wearing this uniform."

Recruiters offer loan repayment

By Staff Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson

362nd Recruiting Squadron

PHOENIX — People joining the Air Force may apply for a new college and student loan repayment program.

Recently, a strong economy and associated low-unemployment levels presented a major challenge to recruiting the number of high-quality people needed to accomplish the Air Force mission.

In response to these challenges, the Air Force will pay up to \$10,000 of qualifying student loans for those entering active duty on both four- and six-year enlistments.

The college loan repayment program is open regardless of degree major or Air Force career field. Applicants must also meet Air Force eligibility requirements.

"This is an opportunity for college people to continue their education, get out from under existing loans and take advantage of programs like the Montgomery G.I. Bill," said Tech. Sgt. Gerald Alvarez, Air Force Recruiting Service. "It also is an advantage for parents who don't have the resources to continue to pay for their children's college education."

Provided the loan is not in default at the time of enlistment, the program

is offered for loans made, insured or guaranteed under part B or part E of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Student loans qualifying for repayment include: Guaranteed Student and Stafford Loans, National Direct Student and Perkins Loans, Supplemental Loans for Students, Federally Insured Student Loans, Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students and Auxiliary Loan Assistance for Students.

Eligible applicants must provide a copy of their student loan promissory note.

In addition, other Air Force education benefits include tuition assistance, the Community College of the Air Force, the Montgomery GI Bill, college credit for Air Force training and various airman education and commissioning programs.

"All of the Air Force education programs are designed to put a college degree in reach for Air Force members," said Master Sgt. Steve Shmatko, 362nd Recruiting Squadron 'H' Flight supervisor. "These programs are designed to attract and keep the best people for the world's best air and space force."

For more information on these and other Air Force educational and career opportunities, call Alvarez at (602) 249-4417.

Wing Warrior

This column recognizes Team Luke members' contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.

Name: Airman Jeremy Kaufman, 21st Fighter Squadron crew chief
Hometown: Roanoke, Va.
Years service: One
Family: My father and mother, Daniel and Patty; and my sister and brother-in-law, Keri and Marine Cpl. Thomas Martell
Inspirations: My brother-in-law
Goals: To regret as little as possible in life
Greatest feat: Leaving home for basic training
Famous last words: "Relax, don't sweat the small stuff."
Off duty: Rock climbing, tom-catting and hanging out with friends
Commander's comments: "Jeremy is one of our top crew chiefs," said Col. Bob Steel, 56th Operations Group commander. "His outstanding work has been instrumental to the 21st Fighter Squadron's Turkey Shoot victories and receipt of the Frank Luke Jr. trophy for the last two



Kaufman

Luke's Spirit

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members' outstanding customer service.

Name: Senior Airman Jill Propst, 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs specialist assigned to the "Tallyho"
Hometown: Limestone, Maine
Years service: Three years, six months
Family: World's greatest husband, Donald; moms, Liz and Nancy; and dads, Andy and Roger
Inspirations: Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs and other NCOs who have saved me on more than one occasion.
Goals: To get my bachelor's degree and make chief
Famous last words: "Thank God for spell checker and good editors!"
Off duty: Reading, studying and outdoor activities
Commander's comments: "Senior Airman Propst handled the on-scene media challenges in a truly professional manner after this latest mishap," Sargeant said. "Her knowledge of our operations and savvy with the media serve the 56th Fighter Wing and Luke Air Force Base well."



Propst

Officers get chance to study overseas

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPC) — Up to three Air Force officers will soon have the opportunity to study overseas for two years as part of the Olmsted Scholar program.

Since study is in a foreign language, selected officers attend language training before beginning their studies.

The selection board is Nov. 16. The Air Force Personnel Center must receive applications by Oct. 1.

The format of the application is available at the military personnel flight.

More information is also available at the officers PME website <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme/>.

Command Chief

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family housing and more money for the permanent change-of-station moves may help military families decide to stay in the Air Force.

“I expect people to be compensated well for what they do and I would like all of us to have big pay raises,” he said. “But I still think that money is not what drives us to stay (in the Air Force).”

Obvious differences in pay grades, once members reach NCO status, is another area Milligan said should be reviewed.

“Once you become a staff sergeant, you’re an NCO,” said the chief. “(There should be) a discernable difference when I look at a pay scale as a senior airman considering re-enlistment.”

Milligan said a strong U.S. economy draws those considering re-enlistment

away, adding to retention problems.

“We don’t give the economy the credit it deserves for some of our (retention) problems,” he said. “When we went to an all-volunteer force, I heard Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (Thomas) Barnes comment that by doing so puts us at the mercy of the job market.”

That is what’s happening now, explained the chief. However, it’s not the first time he has seen such a problem.

“I’ve seen the economy have an impact on how we recruit and keep people in the past. When I came in the Air Force we had a two-deep concept in positions and now you have one person doing the work of five. When the economy was doing well 15 years ago and we lost people, we didn’t feel it as much because we had backfill.”

Twenty-six years later, he said the Air Force is facing the same situation, but

that backfill of troops isn’t there today.

“I don’t know of any skill in the Air Force that’s not marketable on the outside and if money is a motivator then we’re going to lose people,” he said. “We’re not going to be able to stop that by throwing great big dollars at them to get them to stay.”

Therefore, the chief said, it is up to NCO’s at all levels to step up and make people feel a part of something bigger – a member of a team. That’s something he said he witnessed during his visit here.

“He’s the type of leader that energizes you and makes you feel like a member of a winning team,” said Tech. Sgt. Ruben Gonzalez, the first term airman center NCO in charge, about the chief’s visit. “He is very concerned with a lot of enlisted issues, including the retention problems we’re having.”

Family Day

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Saturday if their leave does not begin until Monday.”

Distance no longer defines the local area, Price said. Luke people simply need to be able to report for duty by their normally scheduled time.

“Hypothetically, our people could take a trip to Germany (without taking leave) as long as they could make it back to their duty station on time,” Price explained.

“Furthermore, if a recall took place, the supervisor must have all the needed information to get in touch with an individual,” Price said. “That individual must then be able to respond in a timely manner.”

Supervisors should also remember to give a safety

briefing to all people 26 years or younger and fill out AETC Form 29B, Predeparture Safety Briefing.

While everyone is encouraged to have fun with their family and friends, do not forfeit health by being careless.

“Don’t try to vacuum-pack a three-day drive into a day and a half,” said Master Sgt. Donald Orton, 56th Fighter Wing safety.

“The biggest enemy of long-distance drivers is fatigue,” Orton said. “Most people who survive a straight-through marathon end up sleeping the rough equivalent of the amount of time they saved anyway.”

Another area of concern is water safety.

“There have already been three times as many

drowning accidents involving active-duty personnel as all of fiscal year 1999,” Orton said. “I cannot stress enough the need for folks to wear floatation devices and not drink alcoholic beverages if they’re going to be recreating on or in the water.”

Fireworks are yet another safety hazard. Often times, people simply don’t understand all of the risks that come with them.

“Fireworks are illegal, plain and simple,” Orton said. “Still, there will be folks out there that have to press the ‘test’ button and light off some bottle rockets and such.

“Home fireworks do not have safety features,” Orton added. “They are designed to burn and explode. Who would want to mess with items that start fires and cause explosions?” (*Portions courtesy of Air Force Print News*)

Air Force selects top 12 enlisted members

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force has selected the service's top enlisted members, naming the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2000.

Forty-eight nominees representing major commands, direct reporting units and air staff agencies were considered this year. These nominees are authorized to wear the Outstanding Airman of the Year ribbon, while the 12 selectees will wear the bronze service star device on the ribbon. The selectees will also wear the Outstanding Airman badge for one year from the date of formal presentation.

The selectees will be honored during the Air Force Association national convention set for September in Washington, D.C., and will serve as members of the AFA's Enlisted Advisory Council.

The winners are:

Senior Master Sgt. Tim Bosch, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii — Pacific Air Forces. As fire protection superintendent, he commanded crews to action when an F-15 burst into flames, saving the aircraft. Bosch also led a multi-agency task force to identify an environmentally compliant solution for the closure of the live-fire training facility.

Senior Master Sgt. Cathryn Casto, 347th Supply Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Ga. — Air Combat Command. The management and systems flight superintendent directed Moody's most successful end-of-year close-out and supply computer recovery, leading a 22-member wing team in achieving 99-percent accuracy for 898 supply transactions. Casto also directed the implementation of a modernization stockage policy leading to more than \$500,000 in stock fund savings.

Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Cooler, 32nd Intelligence Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, Md. — Air Intelligence Agency. As operations superintendent, he served as the National Remote Operations Center's top senior enlisted leader, guiding senior civilian and military leaders in the management and assignment of 600 people. Hand picked by the chief of NROC, he was the only enlisted member on a key management team that

charted direction and organizational design for the National Security Agency's collection group.

Master Sgt. Rocky Dunlap, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Wash. — Air Mobility Command. Cited as the Air Force's premier explosive ordnance disposal expert, this chief of the EOD flight is the one federal agencies ask for by name. After a suspected terrorist was caught smuggling explosives into the United States from Canada, Dunlap identified the device for FBI and Alcohol Tobacco and Firearm agents and provided information on its ties to a known terrorist cell, enabling federal authorities to disrupt a major terrorist plot against New Year celebrations.

Master Sgt. Paul Sanchez, Air Force Pentagon Communications Agency, Washington, D.C. — Headquarters U.S. Air Force. As command and control radio and television systems supervisor, he was the lead project manager for the National Military Command Center emergency conference room facility renovation and video upgrade, a project that increased seating capacity by 68 percent and installed an \$800,000 state-of-the-art multimedia briefing system.

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Marshall, 52nd Supply Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany — U.S. Air Forces in Europe. Marshall assumed the duties of operations superintendent during wartime logistical operations. He led the servicing of 1,573 aircraft with 1.8 million gallons of jet fuel in support of Operation Allied Force. Marshall directed 14,000 aircraft fuel servicings with an 11-minute average response time, well above the Air Force standard of 30 minutes.

Staff Sgt. Susan Robinson, San Antonio Air Logistics Center, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force Materiel Command. The NCO in charge for the civil and environmental law division responded to a \$100 million grievance filed by a union alleging exposure to asbestos by creating a litigation support unit. Her efforts led to savings of more than \$400,000. Robinson also lowered the average Article 15 processing time from the Air Force standard of 10 days to two days, a 60 percent improvement.

Staff Sgt. Tammy Stiles, 60th Medical Operations Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, Calif. — AMC. Her initiation of a new-parents support program enhanced support to families with infants and toddlers and benefited more than 100 Travis people and their families. She also volunteered more than 100 off-duty hours preparing monthly meals and offering assistance to families at the local Fisher House.

Staff Sgt. Jasmin Wiltshire, 45th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. — Air Force Space Command. As a public health journeyman she superbly managed the 400-personnel Hospital Employee Health Program. Her efforts in monitoring and tracking personnel resulted in a 98-percent occupational health exam compliance rate, far exceeding the Air Force norm of 80 percent.

Senior Airman John Jordan, 321st Special Tactics Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom — Air Force Special Operations Command. The special tactics flight member was part of the crew that rescued the downed F-117 pilot 25 miles from Belgrade, Serbia. Jordan was one of the first responders to a tragic bus accident involving 45 senior citizens; he rapidly triaged critically injured accident victims and provided on-scene advanced trauma medical care.

Senior Airman Michael Solyom, 17th Training Support Squadron, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas — AETC. The computer programmer built a software demonstration program that convinced firefighting school managers to insert interactive courseware into resident fire protection training, reducing training time by 40 percent and saving \$26,000 annually.

Senior Airman Cyril Charity Sr., 113th Security Forces Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base, Md. — Air National Guard. The security forces specialist volunteered to maintain the squadron's all terrain vehicles and brought the unit's ATV mission-capable rate from 40 to 95 percent. Charity also volunteered and was a key contributor to the District of Columbia National Guard's Nuisance Abatement Task Force which boarded up nearly 3,000 crack houses within the district.

AF releases vision

America’s Air Force: Global Vigilance, Reach and Power

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders unveiled the service’s new vision June 19 at the Pentagon — America’s Air Force: Global Vigilance, Reach and Power.

“We want to provide our people with a clear vision of the purpose and value of their dedicated service,” said Gen. Michael Ryan, Air Force chief of staff. “America’s Air Force concisely provides that perspective. It gives airmen a guide to meet the diverse challenges they will face in the 21st century. Achieving our vision will involve the valuable contributions of all (Air Force) people.”

According to Ryan, one example of these contributions can be found in the expeditionary aerospace force concept that depends on more than just the air expeditionary forces that deploy forward.

“Airmen from all across the Air Force contribute to our ability to deploy and sus-

tain powerful aerospace capabilities,” he said. “Air expeditionary forces are an important part of that, but so are the capabilities — ranging from the mobility to get them where they need to go to the acquisition, logistics, healthcare, education and training — they depend on.”

“Our experiences over the last several years have shown it doesn’t matter if an asset is located in air or space or if it’s manned or unmanned,” said Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters. “We are an integrated aerospace force that uses whatever assets are available, regardless of their location, to accomplish the mission.”

Taking this experience and combining it with what needs to be accomplished in the future enables the Air Force to chart a course continuing its evolution to remain the premiere expeditionary aerospace force of today and tomorrow, Peters said.

This vision builds upon and extends the foundations laid by past visions to reflect conceptual and organizational improve-

ments, Ryan said. “It provides a broad outline enabling the Air Force to shape it’s strategic planning for the future.”

“The most important part of this vision is the people,” Peters said. “We need to develop aerospace leaders who can take command of forces that fly in the air, unmanned assets, space assets and information assets, which is going to be one of the most important things we do over the next two decades”

Future planning and the Air Force’s ongoing integration of air, space and information operations, requires leaders who have a good understanding of what all Air Force systems can do and how one can use them together, Peters said.

“We will continue developing (airmen) who really understand and have experience with the full range of Air Force capabilities,” Ryan said. “They will be able to capitalize on the most effective aspects of air and space seamlessly to lead aerospace and joint forces to victory.”

AF changes Space-A policy

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) — Non command sponsored dependents of active-duty members serving in unaccompanied overseas tours may now travel space available to and from the member’s location.

To use the Space-A option, the active-duty member must obtain written approval from the installation commander concerned for the non command sponsored dependent to travel. Dependents then must present a copy of this letter to the servicing air passenger terminal.

Sponsors must also ensure dependents have sufficient funds to pay for commercial transportation if Space-A travel becomes unavailable. An eligible parent or guardian must accompany dependents under age 18.

Commanders in the Korean theater and at Diego Garcia will not offer this travel privilege. For more information, people can check with their local passenger service representatives.

AAFES awards AT&T contract

DALLAS (AFPN) — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and AT&T announced Tuesday that AT&T's consumer services unit was awarded a seven-year, \$700 million contract to provide a broad spectrum of communications services to 7.5 million service members and their families worldwide.

The contract, effective July 1, grants AT&T the sole concession on Army and Air Force bases domestically and overseas to market residential long distance and local service where available, operate public payphones and offer AT&T calling cards and prepaid calling cards.

AT&T will also provide international telecom services to Army and Air Force people stationed on the front lines, such as in Kosovo and Bosnia. Also, AT&T has “first rights” to provide new services under the contract including Internet access and broadband services.

AAFES will partner with AT&T to market products and services through online and other new media channels, as well as through local channels such as base and post exchanges. As technology advances, AT&T will work with AAFES to ensure future services are introduced to AAFES customers quickly and economically.

“AT&T can deliver the kind of high-quality, custom-tailored and affordably priced communications ser-

vices that are critical to our service men and women,” said Michelle Priester, AAFES contracting officer. “This long-term partnership will allow AAFES and AT&T to deliver the services needed today while anticipating those services that can improve the quality of life for our personnel in the future.”

AT&T is please that AAFES chose them to offer such a broad spectrum of personal communications services, said Howard McNally, senior vice president of AT&T Consumer Services.

“It underscores that the armed forces are committed to attracting the most technologically sophisticated men and women to the military and can count on AT&T to help them,” McNally said.

AT&T understands the needs of military customers, and no one is in a better position to serve their communications needs throughout the world, said Bill Baumann. military marketing director of AT&T Consumer Services.

“That’s why our surveys show (70 percent of) military personnel prefer AT&T as their telecommunications provider,” Baumann said.

AAFES will return a percentage of the telecommunications revenue raised through the AT&T contract to the military community to fund morale, welfare and recreation programs on Air Force bases and Army posts worldwide. *(Courtesy of AAFES Public Affairs)*

Military officials say no force reduction in Republic of Korea

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The United States is encouraged by the accord signed by the presidents of South and North Korea, but officials say no U.S. troop reductions are contemplated.

About 37,000 U.S. troops serve in South Korea.

Even if reunification occurs, South Korean President Kim Dae Jung would like to see U.S. troops remain in his country, said Pentagon spokesperson, Ken Bacon during a recent press conference.

He said there is reason for exuberance over the summit, but that it ought to be tempered.

North Korea continues to have a large well-armed force deployed close to the demilitarized zone, Bacon said. It continues to spend a disproportionate share of its gross national product on the military at a time when people are starving.

“We hope that will change,” Bacon said. “But how ... 50 years of hostility and distrust and suspicion can be unfolded, and how quickly, remain to be seen.”

Voting

Officials make receiving absentee ballots easier

By Army Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Nov. 7, Election Day, is less than five months away. That may seem like a long time, but voting officials recommend absentee voters request ballots 45 days in advance, even further in advance if they haven’t yet registered to vote in their home district.

To assist absentee voters, officials with the Federal Voting Assistance Program have put a tremendous amount of information about absentee voting on the Internet at fvap.ncr.gov.

How To Do It: Vote Absentee!

This page consists of an electronic version of the useful pamphlet “How To Do It — Vote Absentee.” The pamphlet answers such questions as: Can I vote absentee? How do I apply for an absentee ballot? When is the best time to apply?

The How To Do It pamphlet is also available through unit and installation voting assistance offices. People can view the pamphlet online at

www.fvap.ncr.gov/publications/howtoinfo.html.

Federal post card application

This recent addition to the site was added to make voting easier for those without immediate access to a voting assistance office.

The only down side to using this version is individuals must pay their own postage. The printed, card-stock version can be sent postage-free. The card can be accessed on line at www.fvap.ncr.gov/othertools/onlinefpca.html.

Toll-free voting assistance numbers

This page includes toll-free phone numbers to the Federal Voting Assistance Program from nearly 60 different countries.

DOD voters can also transfer to the DOD Voting Information Center, which, in turn, can transfer individuals to the office of their elected officials in the U.S. Congress, and their state governors and chief election officials. Visit the site at www.fvap.ncr.gov/tollfree2000.html.

AFPC combines AFIs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — When Air Force Instruction 36-2406 hits the streets July 1, it will provide the field with one user-friendly guide for both officer and enlisted evaluations.

The AFIs were combined because it provides “... ‘one stop shopping’ for our customers in the field,” said Maj Les Hargett, officer evaluation board section chief. “We haven’t changed any of the policies or key fundamentals..., the Air Staff and Air Force Personnel Center have merely updated the instructions and clarified gray areas.”

The AFI outlines specific responsibilities for military personnel flights and commander’s support staffs that will assist them in reviewing evaluation reports. AFPC officials have also incorporated computer-based training on the new 149-page instruction. The new computer based training is geared to get the MPFs and CSSs ready for the transition to the insrtuction.

Evaluation experts are encouraged to check out the training before July 1 when the new instruction is launched. The computer based training is available at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/evaluations>.

The AFI itself is also available to military personnel in the “Upcoming” section of the Air Force Publications Web site at <http://afpubs.hq.af.mil/>.

Defense budget

Senate passes bill

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Senate passed its Fiscal 2001 National Defense Appropriations Bill June 13. The bill funds a 3.7-percent pay raise and other quality-of-life initiatives. The bill passed 95 to 3 and allots \$287.4 billion in spending authority. This is \$3.1 billion above the president’s budget request and \$1.1 billion below the House’s version. The House passed its fiscal 2001 defense appropriations bill in May. “This bill meets all personnel, readiness, training and quality-of-life priorities for the armed services,” said Sen. Ted Stevens, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. “We have fully funded the pay raise and new authorized recruiting and retention benefits.” Highlights of the Senate bill include:

- ♦ A total of \$160 million to enhance basic allowance for housing and re-

- duce servicemembers’ out-of-pocket housing expenses
- ♦ An increase of \$4.5 billion over current fiscal year spending to fund readiness, training and depot support programs
- ♦ Funds totaling \$2.18 billion for 12 C-17 aircraft
- ♦ Funds to procure 10 F-22 Raptors
- ♦ An additional \$183 million to buy six F-16 Fighting Falcons
- ♦ Funds to advance procurement for one JSTARS aircraft
- ♦ An additional \$137 million for the retirees’ pharmacy benefit
- ♦ \$150 million for National Guard and Reserve equipment; and
- ♦ An additional \$35.4 million for Air Guard programs

The House and Senate will next meet in a committee to resolve differences in their defense appropriations bills.

DOD forms task force to stop domestic abuse

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Just as the military fought discrimination and substance abuse in its ranks, DOD is now taking on domestic violence. A congressionally mandated task force is studying the problem. “It’s a big effort, but we’ve got three years to try to make a dent in this,” said Lt. Gen. Jack Klimp, the Marine Corps’ deputy commandant for manpower and reserve affairs. Klimp and Deborah Tucker, executive director of the National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Austin, Texas, are the panel’s co-chairs. “Domestic violence is contrary to our core values and it’s something that we ought not tolerate,” said Klimp who dealt with domestic violence cases

when commanding various units. Domestic violence is a national problem, Klimp stressed. “Because the military is a reflection of the nation as a whole, Congress asked us to take a look at how we’re dealing with the issue,” he said. Task force officials will visit bases and nearby civilian communities. “There’s a great deal of exchange now that goes on between the bases and the communities,” Klimp said. “The communities sometimes have resources and assets that the bases can call upon to assist with a program. We’re going to try to determine just what is available and what kind of exchanges can go back and forth,” he said. DOD officials want to prevent domestic violence “from ever happening at all,” he said. “I think the civilian communities and the military can work together to solve a national problem.”



Photos by Airman Julie Cordle

Swim team coach Cassie Kautzmann goes over strategies with Jets team member Jessica Stadler at the Silver Wings Pool.



First-year swim team coach Shiloh Boone shows team member Nicole Briggs the proper way to execute a freestyle stroke.



Callie Kautzmann and Kristen Howe (Above) give it their all during a freestyle practice heat. Boone (Right) instructs Toni Jeffcoat, Kendra Howe and Callie Kauntzman, prior to their practice heat.

In the SWIM of things

Jets splash into season,
emphasize having fun,
learning fundamentals

By Senior Airman J. Propst

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Luke children and teens are swimming their way through summer with the Luke Jets swim team.

The swim team, which is not competitive, has been practicing since May. Additional members are welcome, but they will not be eligible to compete in the finals.

Anyone wanting to join must possess basic swimming skills and be able to swim the length of the pool, said Erin Dodds, head water safety instructor.

The team takes part in the Maricopa and West Valley noncompetitive swim meets.

"We don't stress winning. I want team members to get to know swimming, love swimming," said team coach Shiloh Boone. "I hope they have



Team member Seth Wakefield receives a helping hand from Cassie Kautzmann. She shows him proper breathing techniques.

fun, build friendships and have a good summer."

"During practices we work on endurance and improving swimming skills," Dodds said. "We also have family events and allow members to play at the end of practice."

The next meet is Saturday at 8 a.m. in Goodyear at the Loma Linda Pool. For more information, call Boone at 856-6368.



Salutes

Pilots win annual awards

Two 56th Fighter Wing fighter pilots recently received awards from the 33rd Flight, local Order of Daedalians organization.

Maj. Steve Hormel, 425th Fighter Squadron, received the Instructor Pilot of the Year award and Capt. Anthony Roberson, 310th Fighter Squadron, won the Fighter Pilot of the Year Award.

Hormel is the assistant director of operations for the 425th FS. Roberson is a platform instructor pilot and flightline IP for the 310th FS and the 56th FW flying executive officer.

The IP award recognizes the best U.S. Air Force instructor in the fighter business at Luke. The fighter pilot award recognizes the pilot whose flying skills, attitude and leadership mark him or her as the fighter pilot with whom his or her peers would most like to go to war.

Nominations were submitted by the flying squadrons and the winners chosen by a selction committee composed of active-duty and retired military aviators.

The Daedalians is a national fraternity of U.S. military commissioned men and women pilots of all branches of the U.S. armed forces who flew or currently fly any type of powered heavier-than-air aircraft.

Luke Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cost for children 11 and under is \$1; adults pay \$2.



Today

Where the Heart Is (PG-13)

Stars Natalie Portman, Ashley Judd, Joan Cusack and Sally Field. Novalee Nation, 17 and pregnant, has never been part of a real home. The closest thing to family is her selfish, would-be musician boyfriend, Willy Jack, with whom she's been traveling from Tennessee to California.

A bathroom stop at an Oklahoma store changes Novalee's life forever. When she leaves the store, she discovers that Willy and the car are gone. Alone and broke, Novalee moves into the store, borrowing food and supplies from its shelves. When she gives birth on the floor, her hideaway is revealed and Novalee and her baby become instant celebrities.

During the next few years, Novalee finally becomes part of an unconventional family composed of her wonderfully eccentric new friends and is transformed into a successful woman.



Saturday

Battlefield Earth (PG-13)

Stars John Travolta, Barry Pepper, Forest Whitaker and Kelly Preston.

After Earth has been all but destroyed, all that remains of the species known as Homo Sapiens is a few isolated tribes, scattered about the globe and reduced to various states of primitive existence.

One thousand years after his sadistic race nearly destroyed humanity, an alien teaches a human too much. Humans learn how to fight back against their captors.



Sunday

Held Up (PG-13)

Stars Jamie Foxx, Jake Busey, Nia Long and Julie Hagerty. Mike Dawson

is having a bad day. On a romantic vacation to the Grand Canyon with his fiance, Rae, he buys a vintage sports car without telling Rae he bought it with money they saved to buy a home. Rae discovers Mike's deception and dumps him.

Alone in the boonies with only the car he loves, Michael is determined to get Rae back. A quick stop for gas starts the downward spiral when a pimple-faced teen jacks the car, leaving Mike, the city boy, stranded.

Things take a real turn for the worse when he goes inside the store to make a call and finds himself stuck in the middle of a hold-up.



June 30, July 1

Gladiator (R)

Stars Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix, Richard Harris and Djimon Hounsou.

In the final days of Marcus Aurelius' reign, the emperor arouses his son Commodus' anger when he makes it known that Maximus is his successor.

Power-hungry Commodus kills his father and orders the death of Maximus. But the latter flees and hides his identity by becoming a slave and gladiator. Eventually, Maximus journeys back to Rome to confront his archrival.

Chapel News

Worship schedule

The following is Luke’s Protestant and Catholic worship schedule:

- Protestant worship
- ♦ Holy Communion is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
 - ♦ Gospel service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall.
 - ♦ Morning worship service is Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
 - ♦ Evening praise service is Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.

- Catholic worship
- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
 - ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
 - ♦ Weekday Mass is at noon in the Luke Community Chapel.

Singles meet

The Luke Chapel Singles meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday in the fitness center for walleyball and at 7 p.m. in the Luke Community Chapel conference room for bible study. For more information, call 856-6211.

Chapel closes

The chapel closes Tuesday at 1 p.m. for a staff off-site meeting. For emergencies, call the command post at 856-5600.



Around Base

Talent Search 2000

Talent Search 2000 is today at 8 p.m. in the Desert Star Enlisted Club. Cost for the show is \$5 for club members and \$7 for nonmembers. Show proceeds go to Operation Warm Heart. A beef eater's buffet is 5:30 to 7 p.m. and costs \$9.85 per person. For more information, call 935-2610.

Children’s storytime

Children’s storytime is from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday in the base library. To register, call 856-7191.

Ethnic meals

The Ray V. Hensman Dining Facility serves a Cajun-style meal Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Teen Diamondbacks game

The youth center offers a trip July 1 for teens 13 to 18 years old to see the Diamondbacks. The group leaves the youth center at 11:30 a.m. and returns after the game. The cost is \$10. The trip is limited to 13 people. For more information, call 856-7470.

First Steps volunteers needed

The First Steps program needs volunteers. Based at the Luke Hospital, the program trains volunteers to visit new parents right after the baby’s birth. Volunteers provide parents with information about taking care of themselves and the infant, and community resources available to them. To sign up or for more information, call Mary Lou Duessel at 935-3047.

Stress management class

A stress management class begins Thursday at the health and wellness center. Class meets from 3 to

4:30 p.m. each Thursday for four weeks. To register, call Frank Pavone at 856-3830.

Smoking cessation

A smoking cessation class begins July 12. The six-week class meets Wednesdays from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the health and wellness center. For more information or to register, call Maj. Linda McConnel at 856-3830.

Kids in the Kitchen class

A Kids in the Kitchen class for youths 6 to 12 years old to make “Dirt Cake” meets Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the youth center. Cost is \$3 per person. Space is limited to 15 people. Register by Monday. For more information, call 856-6225 or 856-7470.

Junior golf clinic

The junior golf program at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course offers a four-day beginners golf clinic for youths 6 to 16 years old Tuesday through June 30 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. each day.

Taught by Penny Pulz, clinic instruction includes putting techniques, driving and chipping, course play and a competition.

Cost is \$50 per person. Clubs are provided if necessary. For more information, call 535-8355.

Wood frame class

The wood hobby shop conducts a wood frame class Sunday at 2 p.m. Students should bring artwork ready to frame. The \$10 cost does not include supplies. For more information, call 856-6722.

Torch Club meets

The youth center’s Torch Club meets Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. in Bldg. 1143. Open to youths 11 to 13 years old, the club assists youths in becoming productive citizens. For more information, call 856-6225 or 856-7470.

Airframe, powerplant courses

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers airframe and powerplant preparation classes during the fall semester. Classes begin Aug. 8. Informational meetings about the course are Wednesday at 9 and 10:30 a.m., and 1:30, 3 and 6 p.m.; and Thursday at 10 a.m., and 2 and 6 p.m. in Bldg. 942. Those interested in attending the informational meetings, may call 935-4000 or e-mail luke_center@cts.db.erau.edu with their first and second meeting choices.

Red Cross seeks instructors

The American Red Cross seeks volunteers interested in becoming instructors. Instructors are needed to teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, babysitting, child care and CPR for the professional rescuer. Classes are once a month and, as an instructor, volunteers are required to teach a class once every two years to renew their certification. For more information, call 856-7823.

Youth swimming lessons

The outdoor recreation aquatics program offers swimming lessons for children 6 months to 16 years. **Morning lessons** are from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m., 9 to 9:30 a.m., 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Cost is \$8 per person. Morning sessions are:
♦July 10 to 20, registration begins 5 p.m. Tuesday
♦July 31 to Aug. 11, registration begins 5 p.m. July 18. **Evening lessons** are from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. and 5 to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday. Cost is \$6 per person. Evening sessions are:
♦July 10 to 26, registration begins Tuesday at 5 p.m.
♦July 11 to 27, registration begins Tuesday at 5 p.m.
♦Aug. 7 to 23, registration begins 5 p.m. July 19
♦Aug. 8 to 24, registration begins 5 p.m. July 19. Registration continues at the Oasis Pool until all lessons are full. Payment is due at the time of

registration; cash or check only. No phone-in registrations are accepted. Call 856-6267 for more details.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with concessions and activities at the Luke Air Force Base 4th of July Celebration from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Fowler Park. To sign up or for more information, call 856-7152.

Vets host July 4th event

A local Disabled American Veterans group hosts its annual Fourth of July celebration July 2 at 9 a.m. at Saguaro Ranch Park. Refreshments are served following the celebration at the organization's office, 8441 N. 61st Ave. in Glendale.

Hospice seeks volunteers

Hospice of Arizona seeks volunteers to visit terminally ill patients and their families at the patients' homes or at group homes, centers or the hospice in-patient facilities. A 30-hour volunteer training program begins in July. For more information, call Traci Pope or Sylvia Don Carlos at (602) 678-1313.

West Valley Sharing Group

The West Valley Sharing Group made up of parents and professionals meets Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church, 19640 N. 35th Ave. in Glendale. Child care is provided. For more information, call Martha Vance at (602) 547-9855, e-mail her at ksvance@primenet.com or visit their website at www.psln.com/~sharing.

USAF Helicopter Pilot Association

The U.S. Air Force Helicopter Pilot Association has a reunion Oct. 16 through 22 in Tucson and Phoenix. All present and former pilots are invited to this two-location reunion. For more information, write USAF HPA, Box 38036, Phoenix, Ariz. 85609; e-mail paul-air@primenet.com; send a fax to (602) 995-1363; or visit the website at USAFHPA.org.

Information,
Tickets and Tours

Information, Tickets and Tours is in the community center. Dillards Box Office and Ticketmaster are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and closed Sunday. For more details, call 856-6000.

Tours

Mexico
A trip to Algodones, Mexico, leaves July 8 at 6 a.m. from Bldg. 700 and returns at about 7 p.m. A trip to Nogales, Mexico, departs July 22 at 6 a.m. and returns at about 6:30 p.m. The cost for each trip is \$15. Travelers must carry picture identification. Food is available for purchase.

Grand Canyon
A trip to the Grand Canyon leaves July 29 at 5 a.m. and returns at about 9:30 p.m. A show at the canyon's IMAX theater and a window tour of Sedona is also included. The \$50 per person cost includes transportation, tours and theater ticket. Food is available for purchase.

Laughlin
Trips to the Riverside Casino in Laughlin, Nev., are July 9 and 23. The bus departs at 6 a.m. and returns at about 10 p.m. both trips. The \$5 cost includes transportation, champagne brunch or dinner buffet and coupons for casino action and gift shops. Participants must be at least 21 years old.

Tickets

Tickets for a variety of community events are available. Call for locations, times and events.



Falcons seek revenge, beat two local teams

The Luke Falcons varsity baseball team was out for revenge Sunday when it took on the Tigers at the Peoria Sports Complex and the Dodgers at North High School in Phoenix.

The Falcons had previously lost to both teams and were hoping to even their record. The Falcons first faced the Tigers, which, at their last meeting, had won the game on a three run homerun in the last inning.

With Falcons Carlos Salas on the mound, the Tigers opened the first inning with the game's first runs. After a walk and a double mixed in with a couple of miscues in the infield, the score after the first was 4-1 in the Tigers favor.

Salas pitched five and two-thirds innings for the Falcons giving up six runs and striking out four on six hits. Luke didn't give in. With revenge on their minds they scored in every inning and scattered 16 hits.

With the score tied at 8 going into the last half of the seventh inning, Salas singled to right and Tom Flowers followed with a single and then stole second. Shay Price walked to load the bases. With John Gonzalez at the plate and a full count, the Tigers pitcher threw a wild pitch giving Salas a chance to score from third.

Gonzalez pitched the last inning and a half and picked up the win. Flowers and Jason Cassidy led the way for the Falcons with three hits apiece.

In the second game, the Falcons had yet another score to settle. The Dodgers, also beat the Falcons in the last inning of their last meeting.

The Dodgers came into the game thinking they were going to give the Falcons a run for their money. But the Falcons had something to prove and were going to show the Dodgers who was superior.

Scoring often and early, the Falcons won in five innings on the mercy-run rule. Ryan Hamrick pitched a shut out for the Falcons striking out five.

Luke scored seven runs in the first inning and added three more to end the game, 10-0.

Luke scored all their runs in the first with no outs. The inning included four hits, four walks a hit batter and a sacrifice fly.

John Mitchell had two doubles for the Falcons and Dale Schattenberg added two RBIs on a homerun to center. Jeff Dahlke and John Gonzalez also added two RBIs.

The team is currently batting .347 with a 14-7 record. Flowers leads the team at .485. Jason



Senior Airman Elizabeth Krichbaum
Falcons pitcher Carlos Salas throws a strike out against the Tigers Sunday

Cassidy leads the pitching staff with a 7-2 record. The Falcons have eight games coming up from Saturday to June 30. For times and places, check out the schedule posted in the fitness center or call Dahlke at 856-7092. *(Courtesy of the Luke Falcons)*

Luke airman runs away with armed forces title

By Senior Airman J. Propst

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A 56th Transportation Squadron vehicle maintenance specialist has run on the Air Force track team for three years and has aspirations for an Olympic Gold.

Kedrick Wright has won many awards, including four silver and three gold Armed Forces Championship medals. However, winning track medals wasn't always Wright's goal.

He originally started running in high school, as something to do after school. Wright spent the first four years of his Air Force career at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., not, knowing the Air Force had a track team. It wasn't until Wright was stationed at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, that he found out the base had a track team.

"I saw the track team in the paper and decided to go try out," Wright said. "I ended up being the fastest one on the team."

His coach at Ramstein, who was also a coach for the Air Force team, got Wright a slot at the Air Force track and field camp in 1998.

"The first time I went to camp I was excited and nervous," Wright said. "I knew most of the guys on the team had run for colleges and some were attending the Air Force Academy ... but I

stepped up to the competition and earned a spot."

Since then Wright has competed in several large meets around the world against other countries' armed forces. Recently, the Air Force track team took second only to Britain in an international meet in Berlin. Wright took home a gold and silver medal from the meet.

Wright said his proudest accomplishment, however, is winning the 1998 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Athlete of the Year award. That wasn't Wright's only accomplishment during the 1998 season. He also won the Armed Forces European championship for the 100- and 200-meter dash as well as receiving a gold medal for the 100- and 400-meter relays.

The medals are even sweeter, Wright said, because he upstaged the Army.

"The Army 'talks' too much noise," Wright said. "It motivates me to beat them."

The medals are only the icing on the cake.

"The medals, plaques and awards are nice to have, but mostly I love to compete."

In addition to allowing Wright the ability to compete worldwide, the track team has given him the opportunity to spread the Air Force word.

"It has given me the chance to show

people that we have some talented individuals in the Air Force," Wright said. "It has also given me the opportunity to interact with people I wouldn't have otherwise met and travel to places I probably never would have visited. Finally, it has given me the opportunity to compete against some of the best athletes in the military and world."

That motivation keeps him in the gym or on the track although the Air Force no longer has a track camp. Wright's Ramstein and Air Force track team coach still supports him by sending him workouts. Another team member, who trains with the Air Force Academy track team, also provides workouts.

Wright also regularly trains with the Glendale Community College track team. In fact, the Glendale coach wanted Wright to run with the college. Unfortunately, the classes Wright would have to take on top of training would take away from his Air Force responsibilities.

This minor hurdle still doesn't deter Wright from having future goals.

"My ultimate goal is to make the 2004 Olympic team," Wright said. "Considering that I have a beautiful wife, two kids and a full-time job that takes precedence over track and field, I've already achieved more in the sport than I had ever imagined."



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus
Wright shows off medals he recieved for winning armed forces and international track events. He also won two gold medals in March at the Grand Canyon State games in Tempe.

Go ...



Senior Airman Elizabeth Krichbaum
309th Fighter Squadron Franklin Gunnells runs for second during a game against the 21st Fighter Squadron. The 309th FS won the game, 12-11, according to the official scorebook.

Sports Shorts

Camping reminder

Outdoor recreation staff reminds outdoor enthusiasts that many Arizona forests are closed because of fire hazards. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 856-9334.

Bowl-a-thon

The company grade officers council and the first sergeants association sponsor a bowl-a-thon for Valley Big Brothers and Big Sisters organizations today from 9 to 10 a.m. and again from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants will receive free bowling, T-shirts, towels and entry into prize drawings.

Softball tournament

The annual "Contracting Weekend Bash" softball tournament is July 22 and 23 in Tucson. The top four teams receive prizes and each

player on the championship team receive their choice of a new glove or bat.

There is a reduced fee for early entry. For more information or to participate call Greg Manning at (520) 228-4190.

Indoor soccer camp

The youth center sponsors a youth indoor soccer camp for children 6 to 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. July 17 through 21 in the youth center gym. The camp is limited to 50 participants. Cost is \$25. Register at the youth center or call 856-7470.

Coaches needed

The youth center needs adult volunteer coaches to coach a teen girls basketball league. Practices will be Monday or Wednesday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. Games will be Saturdays at 7pm. For more information call Amy Heil at 856-7471.

Intramural softball

Top two teams battle it out, CRS wins 12-2

By Senior Airman J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The top two teams in the intramural softball league, the 56th Component Repair and 56th Equipment Maintenance squadrons, battled it out June 14 in what could be a preview of the championship game.

CRS took a close game and blew it out of the water in the sixth inning almost bringing the mercy-run rule into effect, winning the game 12-2.

Fielding errors by EMS and a few well-timed hits by CRS allowed the team to score seven unanswered points in the sixth inning, virtually ending the game for EMS.

During the top of the first, CRS held EMS to its first three batters, preventing any of them from even reaching first. CRS, on the other hand, took advantage of EMSs fielding errors and brought three runs home.

EMS hit a pop up and two easily caught fly balls during the second, keeping them scoring. EMSs fielding picked up and they kept CRS from scoring with several strong fielding plays.

In the third EMS finally put a run on the board. CRS also brought a run in on an out, when Tony Immekus tagged and ran in, ending the inning with CRS on top, 4-1, but not out of reach.

EMS tried to put something together in the fourth by loading the bases. Two great fielding plays by CRS, however, left EMS short. EMS scored only one run. CRS continued having trouble in what looked like a low scoring game, when a double play left them with no runs.

The next inning was much of the same with only one run coming in for CRS. CRS entered the sixth holding a small lead, 5-2.



Senior Airman Elizabeth Krichbaum
CRS David Drysdale throws to third after an amazing catch June 14. CRS went on to win the game 12-2.

The sixth inning would prove to be fatal for EMS, who was unable to bring any runs home with several fly balls. CRS began hitting, slamming ball after ball past infielders and outfielders alike, bringing in one run at a time. The game almost ended when what would have been the eighth run for CRS was on third. EMS picked up

their fielding just in time to prevent the runner from scoring and the mercy run rule from going into effect. CRS did manage to bring seven runs home, ending the inning 12-2.

EMS had one last chance to pull out a win in the top of the seventh, but they couldn't put anything together. CRS beat EMS, 12-2.



